

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2379 - SB 2769

February 14, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires every health benefit plan that provides coverage for prescription drugs or administers such a plan, to issue to every insured person a card containing standardized pharmacy benefit identification information. The cards are to conform to the format approved by the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), or a national format acceptable to the commissioner. This bill would apply to health benefit plans delivered, issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2001 and enforcement is the responsibility of the Department of Commerce and Insurance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$36,950 Recurring
\$5,000 One-Time**

Assumes a need for one staff position and associated expenditures in the Department of Commerce and Insurance to monitor compliance with the bill. According to the TennCare Bureau, this mandate will not significantly increase expenses to the TennCare MCOs and BHOs since there is no requirement for an additional card and the current cards can accommodate the necessary information. The TennCare Bureau has stated that it is their intent to require that this information be standardized on all Insurance identification cards issued under the TennCare program.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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